

Welcome to Kindergarten

Welcome to Miller Elementary!
We're so looking forward to meeting you.

Below you will find some helpful information. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns about the upcoming school year. 541-355-2500

Office Staff:

Jen Healy	Principal
John Craft	Assistant Principal
Meredith Blackwell	Office Manager
Jen Newton	Secretary / Registrar
Anita Garland	School Nurse

Miller Focus on Sustainability

- LEED Certified Building
- We normally use dishes and silverware so we don't throw away paper plates and plastic silverware each day and hopefully will be able to return to that practice
- Solar Panels on our roof provide some of our electricity and are a great learning tool for our students
- We compost all of our uneaten food
- We have Green Teams that focus on Reducing, Reusing and Recycling
- We use Electronic Communications but can provide paper copies if requested
- We have Outdoor Classrooms on each of our playgrounds

Reaching all Students

- Academic support and enhancement in reading, writing and math
- Levels of Support: Health Protocols, 504 plans, Special Education and Speech Support
- Yearly character focuses: Kindness, Gratitude, Love, Earth, Integrity
- Assemblies: We sing, dance, cheer for our fellow students and staff. We have fun!
- We have 4 expectations of our students: Be safe, kind, responsible and green
- Each school day begins with a classroom Morning Meeting to build community so students can work and learn together in a calm and inviting atmosphere

- Buddy Classes: Each 3rd – 5th grade class has a Kinder – 2nd grade buddy class
- Technology: Kindergarten – 5th grade each student has their own iPad. These get used very little in kinder and more often with each grade level past that

Parent Involvement – Once restrictions are lifted on volunteers & visitors in the school:

- Work with students or complete prep work for classroom teachers
- Chaperones field trips
- Planning and donating items for class or school celebrations
- Shelving books in the library
- Share your expertise with students and teachers
- PTO - Informational Meetings, Art with students, Evening Events
- Volunteers must complete an online volunteer application and COVID Vaccine information piece.

Typical Day in Kindergarten

7:45 - 8:00	Free Choice Time
8:00 - 8:15	Morning Meeting
8:15 - 8:30	Number Corner (math calendar and counting)
8:30-9:15	Writing Workshop
9:15-9:30	Snack
9:30-9:45	Recess
9:45-10:15	Literacy Centers
10:15-10:45	Specials: Music, PE, Library
10:45-11:30	Literacy Centers
11:30-12:15	Lunch/Recess
12:15-12:45	Share Bear/Whole Group Reading
12:45-1:15	Math Instruction
1:15-1:30	Recess
1:30-1:45	Math Work Places
1:45-2:00	Science, social studies, social emotional learning, free play
2:00-2:15	Clean Up and Dismissal

On Wednesdays we have early dismissal at 12:45 pm

After School Care

- This is all done through Bend Parks and Recreation
- They do not offer before school care
- Website: <https://www.bendparksandrec.org/activities/childcare/>

Reminders

- In order to come beyond the office in the school or on our playground, you will need to check in at the office. You must have a valid ID every time.
- The district offers a Winnie the Pooh Bus Safety Introduction August 16 and 17. <https://www.bend.k12.or.us/district/news-events/news/2022/08/winnie-pooh-bus-safety-events-scheduled-aug-16-17>
- Meet the Teacher Event the Thursday before Labor Day
- Staggered Start for kindergarten students, start school on the Wednesday or Thursday after Labor Day
- All kindergarten students attend on Friday the first week
- Please label everything with your child's name (lunch box, coats, hats, gloves, backpack)
- Our Bus system is great and so much better for the environment than single cars
- Bend-La Pine Schools website: www.bend.k12.or.us
- Miller Elementary website: www.bend.k12.or.us/miller
- All staff emails follow this structure: first.last@bend.k12.or.us

Please call the school office if you have any questions, 541-355-2500.